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Accommodations to be provided dependents of employees in connection with transfers

1. Several questions have arisen relative to the subject matter which involves executive or policy determinations insofar as the application of guiding principles are concerned, and may, to some extent, require interpretation of applicable laws and/or regulations. These problems may be briefly stated as follows:

a. When an individual is transferred from one official station to another, should the dependent(s) normally be permitted to utilize the lowest available first class accommodation by "higher" means of transportation? As an example of this situation, there might be involved a case where the dependent desired to travel by air at a cost considerably higher than by boat.

b. Should, even though costs are greater, this Agency normally permit employees or their dependents to travel together by the same means of transportation when insofar as the Agency is concerned, the dependent could travel at a later date by a cheaper means?

c. As a matter of policy, it appears that this Agency can, insofar as the laws and regulations are concerned, permit the use of any type of accommodation as long as it is the lowest available by the transportation facility used. There is for consideration in this connection the desires of the employee and the dependent as contrasted with the matter of budgetary and economy considerations to the extent that over a period of time, a large additional sum of money would be expended due to the use of transportation at a greater cost. Adverse morale factors must, of course, be kept in mind from an operating viewpoint.

2. It is suggested that the several related matters indicated above be examined with the view in mind of arriving at guiding principles to the extent that the application of Agency rules and regulations will be consistent and uniform and the budgetary considerations may be equitably applied.

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3. The provisions of Public Law 110 may have some bearing on the determination with respect to Agency policy in providing future transportation for dependents.



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